

*Mr. Mary Pitt House*  
(D. B. Cherry Residence)  
Houston, Texas.

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D. B. CHERRY RESIDENCE  
608 FARGO AVENUE  
HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

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The present owner and occupant is D. B. Cherry.

It was acquired by purchase from William Marsh Rice in 1896.

William Marsh Rice was the original owner.

During the present ownership the rooms noted as "modern addition" on the drawings have been added, as well as the Hall on the Second Floor, and the Gable Roof, so noted. These additions and alterations were made under the direction of the owners without the aid of an Architect. They were all made in 1901.

The house was originally built in the 300 block, San Jacinto Street in the City of Houston. About 1873 it was moved to the corner of San Jacinto Street and Franklin Avenue, a distance of two blocks. In 1896 it was moved by Mr. Cherry to its present location on Fargo Avenue.

The house was built in the 1840's by William Marsh Rice. There is no record of the Architect or Builder.

Mr. Rice was one of the wealthiest men in the early history of Houston, and he has many descendants now living here. He was the founder and endower of the Rice Institute, a University of higher learning, in Houston. Mrs. E. Richardson Cherry (wife of D. B. Cherry) is a painter of more than state prominence, and is still very active in this field of art.

The present entrance door was acquired from an old house in Maine that was being demolished. Mrs. Cherry brought the door to Houston and had it installed in the house in 1901.

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